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In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
KAMIJO, MOTOHISA	:	Confirmation Number: 8713
Application No.: 10/733,369	:	Group Art Unit: 3749
Filed: December 12, 2003	:	Examiner: GRAVINI, Stephen Michael
For: STARTUP COMBUSTOR	:	

PETITION TO RESET THE PERIOD FOR REPLY
UNDER MPEP § 710.06

Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the period for reply to the Office Action dated May 25, 2005, now due to expire August 25, 2005, be reset to commence from the date of receipt, August 26, 2005, of the Office Action at the correspondence address. Pursuant to MPEP § 710.06, Applicant complies with each of the following items:

1. This petition is hereby filed within two (2) weeks from the date of receipt August 26, 2005, of the Office Action at the correspondence address.

2. A substantial portion, thirteen (13) weeks, from the Office Action mail date May 25, 2005 to the receipt date August 26, 2005 of the three (3) month statutory period for reply, has elapsed.

3. The Office Action was discovered during a status check of the application on PAIR on August 26, 2005. We have not received the original Office Action by mail.

4. Enclosed is a copy of the Office Action, a docket sheet for this application showing the receipt of the Office Action on August 26, 2005, a copy of the our daily docket report for August 25, 2005, a copy of the undersigned secretary's personal log book for August 25, 2005, and a printout of the PAIR screen dated August 26, 2005, for this application. The daily docket report and the log book do not show an entry for Application Serial No. 10/733,369. We date all correspondence received from the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in normal course of business to accurately reflect the date correspondence is received by our office. In addition, each secretary maintains a log book in which the response due date for Office Actions are entered. The secretary's log book for August 25, 2005 is blank because the undersigned had no known responses due at the USPTO on this date.

5. Our docket number for this application was converted from 50943-023 to 50195-521 on June 23, 2005. Please note that there is no entry in either the daily docket report or the secretary's log book for either 509043-023 or 50195-521 on August 25, 2005.

Applicant has met the requirements under MPEP § 710.06 to reset the period for reply. Please reset the three (3) month statutory period for response to commence from the date of receipt of the Office Action, August 26, 2005.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sub Matter:

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GRAVINI, STEPHEN MICHAEL

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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/733,369

Examiner

Stephen Gravini

Applicant(s)

KAMIJO, MOTOHISA

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 February 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-2, 5-6, 8-10, 13 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takeda in view of Numata (Japan Pat. Abstract 2002-012406, prior art by applicant).

Takeda discloses the invention substantially as claimed. However, Takeda does not disclose a filter. Numata teaches the use of a honeycomb filter (32) for the purpose of preventing a substantial portion of any soot contained in the air or fuel or any non-gaseous particles that may be formed during the combustion of fuel from passing through the filter so as to minimize the adverse effect of soot. Numata further teaches the use of a controller for the purpose of regenerating the filter by burning the fuel in the combustor at a leaner air-fuel mixture. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the startup combustor of Takeda with a filter and a controller such as taught by Numata in order to minimize the adverse effect of soot.

Claim Objections

Claims 3-4, 7, 11-12, and 14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed February 28, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that no motivation exists for combining the secondary reference with the primary reference in order to obviate the claimed invention. The motivation is considered to exist under the problem to be solved section of that reference. In this application, the claimed filter is either within the chamber, which is capable of preventing a substantial portion of any soot contained in the air or fuel or which can develop from combusting the fuel with the ignition source from passing through the filter or passing the combusted gas through a filter to collect any soot onto the filter; and when a predetermined amount of soot has collected on the filter, regenerating the filter by introducing an excess air ratio of about 1.5 to about 2.8 for a set period of time to oxidize the collected soot on the filter. The problem to be solved by secondary reference Numata includes improved reforming efficiency and reduction in size by collecting soot in a raw gas and removing it. This reforming efficiency and soot size reduction inherently performs the argued filter features because in both cases a filter is used to remove soot and regeneration occurs through the expressly disclosed reforming efficiency since the disclosed honeycomb filter allows reforming catalyst in a set period of time, as claimed. The disclosed reformed gas containing hydrogen and carbon monoxide is considered to satisfy the claimed excess ratio since stoichiometrically those elements are the appropriate ratios for excess air ratio for combustion reforming or regeneration.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen Gravini whose telephone number is 571 272 4875. The examiner can normally be reached on normal weekday business hours (east coast time).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Monica S. Carter can be reached on 571 272 4475. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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SMG
May 23, 2005

Steph Gravin

Wednesday, August 24, 2005

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Assigned/Attorney: BPG Bernard P. Codd

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Resp. Off.: WDC	Base Date: 25-Aug-2005	Title: SOLID OXIDE FUEL CELL					
25-Aug-2005 Reminder	REQUEST FOR EXAM 6 MOS WDC-REQUEST FOR EXAMINATION	050340-0112 Brazil	0169 GOTOH & PARTNERS	Pending	PI0308072-2	25-Feb-2003	JAH
Resp. Off.: WDC	Base Date: 25-Feb-2006	Title: FUEL CELL SYSTEM, AND METHOD OF PROTECTING A FUEL CELL FROM FREEZING					
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Resp. Off.: WDC	Base Date: 03-Feb-2003	Title: GRANULAR MAGNETIC THIN FILM AND METHOD FOR MAKING THE SAME, MULTILAYERED MAGNETIC FILM, MAGNETIC COMPONENTS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT					
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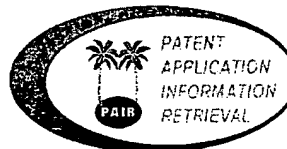
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